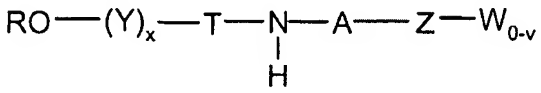
Please amend the claims as follows:

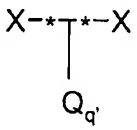
CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A composition comprising a particulate solid, an organic medium and/or water and

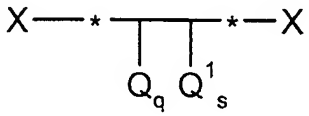
a compound of formula 1, 2, or 2a including salts thereof



Formula 1



Formula 2



Formula 2a

wherein

X-*-*-X in Formulas 2 and 2a represents the polyamine and/or polyimine (Z);

Q is the chain RO-$(Y)_x$-T-NH-A-;

q' in Formula 2 is from 2 to 2000;

Q^1 represents a polyester and/or polyamide chain of formula R^1-G-$(B)_s$-;

R^1 is hydrogen or C_{1-50}- optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;

G is a divalent bond or carbonyl;

B is the residue of one or more amino carboxylic acids and/or one or more hydroxy carboxyl acids or lactones thereof;

q and s in Formula 2a are positive integers greater than zero; and also in Formula 2a the sum of q + s is from 2 to 2000;

R is C_{1-50}-optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;

Y is C_{2-4}-alkyleneoxy;

T is C_{2-4}-alkylene;

A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof, wherein A is not the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride characterized as having an aliphatic carbon to carbon double bond;

Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine;

W is the residue of an oxide, urea or dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;

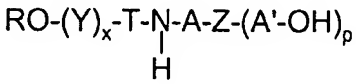
x is from 2 to 60;

subscript 0-v is subscript from 0 to v; and

v represents the maximum available number of amino and/or imino groups in Z which does not carry the group $RO-(Y)_x-T-NH-A-$.

2. (currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1a comprising a particulate solid, an organic

medium and a compound of Formula (1a) and salts thereof:



Formula (1a)

wherein:

A and [[A^1]] A' are independently, the residue of a dibasic acid which may be the same or different; and

p is from 0 to 200.

3. (currently amended) The composition as claimed claim 1 wherein Y ~~is~~ comprises C_{3-4}-alkyleneoxy repeat units and the chain represented by $(Y)_x$ may contain up to 75% by number of ethyleneoxy repeat units.

4. (currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 2 wherein A and [[A^1]] A' are ~~the~~ residues independently derived from the group consisting of malonic acid, succinic and phthalic acid.

5. (original) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the group represented by Z is polyethyleneimine.

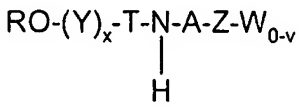
6. (original) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the organic medium is an organic liquid.

7. (original) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the organic medium is a plastics material.

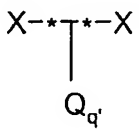
8. (original) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the organic liquid comprises at least 0.1% by weight of a polar organic liquid based on the total organic liquid.

9. (original) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particulate solid is a pigment.

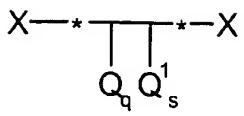
10. (currently amended) A mill-base comprising a particulate solid, an organic liquid and a compound of Formula (1), 2, or 2a including salts thereof:



Formula (1)



Formula 2



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q' in Formula 2 is from 2 to 2000;

Q^1 represents a polyester and/or polyamide chain of formula R^1-G-$(B)_s$-;

R^1 is hydrogen or C_{1-50}- optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;

G is a divalent bond or carbonyl;

B is the residue of one or more amino carboxylic acids and/or one or more hydroxy carboxyl acids or lactones thereof;

q and s in Formula 2a are positive integers greater than zero; and also in Formula 2a the sum of q + s is from 2 to 2000;

R is C_{1-50}-optionaly substituted hydrocarbyl;

Y is C_{2-4}-alkyleneoxy;

T is C_{2-4}-alkylene;

A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;

Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine;

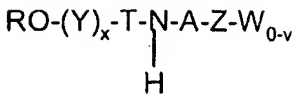
W is the residue of an oxide, urea or dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;

x is from 2 to 60;

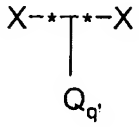
subscript 0-v is subscript from 0 to v; and

v represents the maximum available number of amino and/or imino groups in Z which does not carry the group RO-$(Y)_x$-T-NH-A-.

11. (currently amended) A paint or ink comprising a particulate solid, an organic liquid, a binder and a compound of Formula (1), 2, or 2a including salts thereof:



Formula (1)



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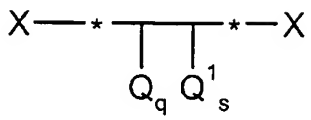

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q and s in Formula 2a are positive integers greater than zero; and also in Formula 2a the sum of q + s is from 2 to 2000;

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T is C_{2-4}-alkylene;

A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;

Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine;

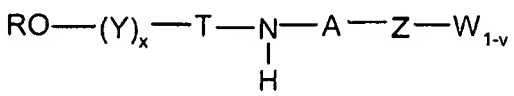
W is the residue of an oxide, urea or dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;

x is from 2 to 60;

subscript 0-v is subscript from 0 to v; and

v represents the maximum available number of amino and/or imino groups in Z which does not carry the group RO-$(Y)_x$-T-NH-A-.

12. (currently amended) A compound of formula 1b, including salts thereof:



Formula 1b

wherein

R is C_{1-50}-optionaly substituted hydrocarbyl;

Y is C_{2-4}-alkyleneoxy;

T is C_{2-4}-alkylene;

A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof, wherein A is not the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride characterized as having an aliphatic carbon to carbon double bond;

Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine;

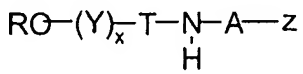
W is the residue of an oxide, urea or dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;

x is from 2 to 60;

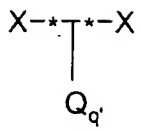
subscript 1-v is subscript 1 to v; and

v represents the maximum available number of amino and/or imino groups in Z which does not carry the group RO-$(Y)_x$-T-NH-A-.

13. (currently amended) A compound of Formula ~~(1)~~ 1c, 2, or 2a including salts thereof:



Formula 1c



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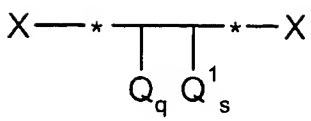

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R is C_{1-50}- optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;

Y is C_{2-4}-alkyleneoxy;

T is C_{2-4}-alkylene;

A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof, wherein A is not the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride characterized as having an aliphatic carbon to carbon double bond;

Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine having a number average molecular weight of not less than 1,500; and

x is from 2 to 60.

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